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Legislative Passes, Withdraws Motion

In a confused session last week, Legislative Council passed a motion that the student body should vote on SGA president, Patti Marilla's, use of her title on a letter to President Johnson expressing concern about U. S. policy in Viet Nam. The vote was rescinded Tuesday when Council was informed that the letter would state that titles were included "for identification purposes only."

After an hour and a half of discussion, the Council voted that the president had used her title when expressing a personal political opinion without "the express mandate of her constituency to act as a representative of their political opinions" and the student body should vote on whether or not the title should be struck from the letter.

The letter had been presented to Executive Council October 4. Executive Council had voted that Patti not sign the letter which was then to be presented at a press conference October 8. She signed the letter, she said, "as an individual" using her title for identification only. The press conference for the release of the

letter was rescheduled for last Saturday. The motion in Legislative was prompted by concern that the title could be construed as representing MWC opinion.

ETV Questions Its Feasibility

The Central Virginia Educational Television Corporation, nonprofit operator of Channel 23 in Richmond, has asked for a consensus of opinion among the members of the faculty and the administration as to the feasibility of initiating ETV programs on the campus. These programs could make up part of each lecture period, or perhaps could be seen one class period a week, or it might even comprise all of the instruction in some classes. If this possibility is to become reality, however, other institutions will probably have to share in the costs. A special committee, chaired by Dean Edward Alvey, has been formed to investigate the offer, and to determine the amount of interest in such a project.

Major Lance Headlines Sophs' Weekend Dec. 3

Major Lance in concert, and a Winter Wonderland are the main attractions for the Sophomore Class sponsored Christmas Concert and Dance on Dec. 3.

Accompanied by the Grandeurs as a back-up band, Major Lance will appear in G. W. Auditorium from 3-5 in the afternoon. Boxing, gospel singing, and dancing are parts of his background, as well as being named a top vocalist of 1963 after his first record was released. Among his hit recordings are "The Monkey Time" and "Rhythm."

Dress for the concert will be informal, skirts and sweaters for girls, and sport coats for their dates. Girls do not have to have dates to attend the concert, as tickets will be sold individually for \$1.50 by dorm representatives.

Following the concert will be a seated dinner in Seacobeck for girls and their dates. Dance tickets are on sale from now until the dance in the dorms for \$3 per couple. During the week before the dance they will also be sold in A. C. Lee.

Winter Wonderland is the theme of the dance, with decorations in white, silver, and blue. The Rivieras from Charlotte, N.C. will provide the music. One of the hit records of this group was "California Sun." Dress for the

dance is formal, but dark suits for boys and short formals for girls are acceptable.

To be initiated this year is a cloakroom with an attendant on duty throughout the dance. Also new is the sponsorship of the dance by the Sophomore Class.

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Major Lance

This is the first time a class has sponsored a major dance for the entire school, and future dances will depend on the support given this one, according to Linda Gattis, Chairman of the Christmas Dance Committee.

Council Considers Crisis

Editor's Note: Facing what Fonda Davis, Honor Council President, has termed a 'crisis' in our Honor System, the Honor Council has written an open letter to the student body. Dear Students,

Have you lost a London Fog lately? Is it your roommate who found \$30 missing from her purse-left in the cloak room of Seacobeck? Would you stop a thief who stole from you? Would you then expect your classmate to investigate a suspicious matter that involved, not her lost, but your own? Are you really aware of what is going on around you? It appears that a small, but significant, minority at Mary Washington feel no obligation to the Honor System. The facts of this matter are well-known to many of you. There has been, in the past 2 months, an unusually large amount of theft, of clothing, money, and food in the dormitories, and of coats and money in Seacobeck.

However, that the Honor System can and does work is obvious. A case in point is Betty Lewis Dormitory. Although the incident may seem insignificant, the reactions to it reflect an important principle.

Several days ago, half of a pie was taken from the Betty Lewis Dorm refrigerator. Within one day, the majority of the dorm rallied to the incident, showed concern that someone was not upholding our system of honor, and made plans to turn off the refrigerator, as a demonstration of their willingness to take even severe measures to help enforce the Honor System.

Whether or not this tactic used in Betty Lewis will work is not the most important question. The point is that these students were willing to make an issue of the fact and to take drastic measures, in support of a system in which they believe. These students who acted out of an deep conviction were Freshmen. There are other

students who have shown the same concern. Is each one of you willing to rally in this crisis we now face?

The Honor Council has been set up to be jurors, to maintain, if possible, the innocence or to determine if necessary, the guilt of a student accused of a violation of our Honor System. In the past few years, the Council has also shown a great deal of concern in preventive measures, such as orientation and counselling. There is no body at present whose duty it is to enforce the Honor System. If such a body did exist, individual freedom and trust would perhaps be lost. One could no longer browse in the bookstore without being followed; one could not go into the stacks without being accompanied by a library assistant; one could not be trusted during exam periods. Our objectives and our ideals might be lost.

However, the Honor System must be enforced. This is the responsibility of each one of you. If you as students do not display this responsibility, something else must be done.

Recently, students have been of-

BULLETIN: Who's Who

Twenty-three MWC Seniors have been selected to be recognized by WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES THE DEAN'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED SATURDAY.

The seniors were chosen by a committee on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and cooperation in educational and extra curricular activities, general

NSA Announces Insurance Plan

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Juniors Fitted For Rings

Junior ring fittings will be held in the small parlor of Ball on Nov. 14 and 15. The hours will be from 8:30 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:45 on both days and 7:00 - 8:00 on Nov. 14 only. Each junior must pay a deposit of \$2.00 and the balance when delivered or she may make a full payment at the time of the fitting.

ferring suggestions. Some have suggested that the student body may protect themselves and the Honor System by asking to have the cloak room in Seacobeck closed for awhile or turning off the refrigerators in the dorms. Some have thought of the possibility of having a day set aside during which every student would, as a means of protection and as an act demonstrating real concern about the effectiveness of our Honor System, mark with indelible-ink pens or markers clothing and shoes. Another suggestion has been that students might consider requesting that all dormitory doors except the front ones be kept locked at all times and that Open House be discontinued.

These are all student suggestions. Some are realistic; some are not. Some are in keeping with the ideals of our Honor System; some are not. However, it is possible that some of these measures might cause a violator to realize the seriousness of her act, or cause other students to realize their responsibility to enforce this system we all value.

The Honor Council sees its position as a group which should keep the student body informed. We plan to make public all incidents of violations of our Honor System and desire to live in an atmosphere of freedom and trust are the ones who must maintain and promote the system and its principles. We, the Honor Council, offer our aid and our encouragement.

Sincerely,
THE HONOR COUNCIL

The Bullet

Linda Raymond
Editor-in-Chief



Should NSA Stay?

The letter to the editor from Susie Church and Joan Hughes on NSA in today's BULLET is an unusual and very fine example of students who took the trouble to do research on an issue and proceeded to do something about it. It is a timely letter, and the points they make are good ones which bear further study.

NSA at Mary Washington is on probation and has been for the past year. As the letter points out, the Richmond NEWS LEADER reported in December, 1965, that the majority of American colleges and universities are not members of NSA. Even in Virginia, 14 schools rejected membership in NSA between 1961 and 1963, and Hollins, Virginia State, Lynchburg College, and Randolph-Macon Women's College withdrew their membership during that period.

As Mary Washington reconsiders its membership in NSA, it would be wise to consider some of the reasons other schools withdrew or rejected membership. According to the NEWS LEADER, a major reason for rejection was the "leftiest political attitudes reflected in the NSA resolutions approved at their annual conventions." Judging from the resolutions passed at the conference this summer (see THE BULLET, October 3, 1966) this argument is still valid. It is highly unlikely that the majority of these views are representative of the thinking at MWC, and under our present system of electing officers, students here are not really represented even in the voting. Still, we pay \$469 each year to send "representatives" to the NSA Congress and conferences.

More important than the actual opinions expressed at the Congress is the lobbying done to further on the national level the measures espoused. These lobbies are paid for by dues from member schools. The \$84.70 which MWC pays each year in dues may be spent for anything from anti-draft demonstrations to the newly formed drug study desk.

NSA calls itself a service organization and does offer a number of useful services and opportunities. On this campus these include the Fast for Freedom, the SGA reading room, the travel desk, a student insurance program (see story in this issue) and the proposed Student Discount Service. Even the services, however, do not constitute an unmixed blessing. The NSA Co-ordinator's mail also includes letters urging student participation in civil rights demonstrations and other politically oriented activities as well as factual information on student services offered.

NSA at Mary Washington will be ten years old next semester. During this time of probation it can be brought up for review at any time. It is to be hoped that this review will not be a superficial rubber stamping of reports presented by the NSA Committee. It should involve some very serious debate and soul searching about the goals and ideals held by NSA and their application — or misapplication — to the goals and ideals held at Mary Washington.

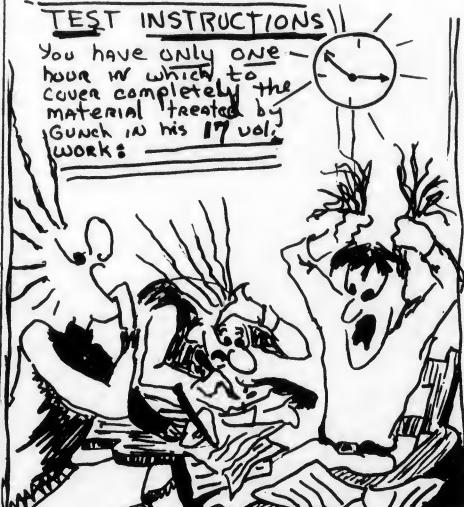
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Evaluation Poll Urged

The current debate over methods of course evaluation has not been resolved. Are students satisfied with the proposal of the Academic Affairs Committee for voluntary faculty participation? Or do they support last week's Bullet counter-proposal of a student-administered plan of evaluation? Do students even want to evaluate their courses?

These questions need to be answered now. Students have a right and a responsibility to help formulate the policies by which they live. For these reasons, the Bullet requests the Student Government Association to conduct as soon as possible a comprehensive poll of student opinion concerning methods of course evaluation.

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Readers Write

Students Attack NSA Membership

Dear Editor:

In our four years at Mary Washington, we have been berated for our "apathy;" chastised for our lack of "intellectual stimulation;" and finally, swept by "winds of change." These movements seem to have culminated in our "involvement in opportunity!" This "involvement" seemingly implies greater participation in USNSA. The question we are asking is: Is this active involvement in NSA justified by the "benefits" we are supposedly reaping from it?

In order to answer the question intelligently the student body must first look at the facts:

1) \$575 — "approximately 30 per cent of SGA funds goes to USNSA each year" (Bullet, Feb. 4, 1966)

2) In 1947 — NSA had a membership of 356 colleges — In 1961 there were about 399 colleges participating.

Over 1,600 colleges never joined because of "Leftist political attitudes reflected in the NSA resolutions" (e.g. the resolutions supporting Castro's overthrow of Batista and the support of the Jap, Students' demonstrations against Pres. Eisenhower).

NSA had an increase of less than 3 new schools per year — less than 20 per cent of the Nations colleges and universities are represented (Richmond News Leader, Dec. 6, 1965)

3) 1961-1963 — 33 colleges and universities representing 232,000 students withdrew from NSA; 14 schools representing 112,000 students rejected the proposed NSA affiliation (Richmond News Leader, 12-6-65)

Thus, one can see that NSA does not represent national student opinion, as has been erroneously conveyed. We cannot see the development of any tangible results from such a membership, nor can we agree with the opinions voiced at the last Congress. Neither can we recognize the validity of the resolutions as National Student opinion when "not even half of the member schools send delegates to the annual convention . . ." (Young Republican College Service Committee Issue Paper, Aug. 1962)

We, as members of Student Government, demand that our participation in USNSA be justified and defended, and that the necessity of our membership in such an organization be impartially evaluated. Finally, we ask that the Student Body at Mary Washington, again, be given the opportunity to decide whether our participation in NSA is valuable.

SUSIE CHURCH
JOAN HUGHES

Dear Editor:

The editorials and letters in THE BULLET recently have been noted by many of the alumnae with interest and concern. A number of the alumnae, and especially those on the Board and In-Committee, spend a great deal of time and give generously of their efforts and resources FOR Mary Washington College — and what is the College but the students and faculty? It is disturbing to learn that you feel we have failed, or that we have in any way offended you.

I hope you will understand that I cannot momentarily take

a stand or make any decisions, either regarding the Chapel Study or Homecoming Commencement conflicts, without consulting a number of people who are scattered about the country.

I can, however, assure you that these matters will be given every consideration and that we will do all in our power to assuage your misgivings and convince you that YOU are the reason we exist as an organization.

On behalf of the entire Alumnae Association, thank you for bringing your thoughts and questions about your activities to the forefront.

Most sincerely,
MRS. L. J. GILES JR.
President and Chairman
of the Board
MWC Alumnae Association

Dear Editor:

Am I hearing nasty rumors about MWC? I hope they're just rumors, but I fear they're true. Word reached me here in Richmond that the campus leadership has gone Left Wing, and is dragging everyone else along. And to think that only last year our campus was described as "liberal," i.e. just right of center. I hope you don't think this letter is out of line, but I feel that I still have some stake in Mary Washington, since I will get my degree from there in June.

So you're going to have a Fast for Freedom? And just think — last year 75,000 students participated and raised \$26,102.03. That amounts to 34.8 cents per participant. Why not let those who are interested just donate the lousy 35 cents and get it over with, instead of forcing hordes of hungry girls on the C Shoppe and local restaurants? And by the way, we now know the truth about Seacoech — that dinner for which we pay a dollar is worth only 35 cents.

Whatever happened to that nice girl we elected SGA president last year? Some gypsies must have sneaked in during the night and replaced her with a Bleeding Heart Liberal . . . Where's the Patti Marilla who wrote in answer to my "Apathy" article last year: "I find crusading in any form quite a bore." If this isn't crusading, what is it? Privately, Miss Marilla should be allowed to hold any political views she wishes, but when it is a matter of foisting these views on 2000 other girls and misrepresenting campus opinion on a national level, she should be STOPPED!

I also note that Miss Marilla is advocating the formation of such left-wing groups as CADA on campus, and is inviting spokesmen for these groups to make their pitches on campus. If my observations are correct, the emotional appeal of the "cause" will probably draw quite a few converts if this saturation in left-wing politics continues. Witness Trench Hill in 1964-65 — A small group of activists made a house of 20 girls into a "hotbed of sedition," as Eileen Perna called it. The same thing can happen campus-wide if the people who initiate such activity are in powerful enough positions. Come now, girls, you really don't want MWC to become another Berkeley, do you? How about pot parties in the dorms? Free LSD?

The SGA Academic Affairs Committee will make the forms available to all faculty members this week. This is to enable a mid-semester evaluation for one-semester courses, or in other cases where the faculty members deems it desirable. In some cases, the continuity or intent of the courses may not be sufficiently demonstrated by this time for an evaluation to be valid. However, the initial effort has been made, a more comprehensive evaluation will be the goal at the end of the semester.

Sound like fun? Well, just hop on Marilla's bandwagon and I guarantee she'll you for a ride.

Again, let me say I hope I'm not out of line in writing this — but the situation stirred my Conservative blood, and I felt that I had to write. Any rebuttals (or retaliations) will be welcome.

ANN DALBY
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Richmond, Va.

Pros and Cons

By PATTI MARILLA

Across the country the Joe College image of the undergraduate has passed into oblivion while the focus is on a growing sophistication about the goals of education and the tactics of achieving them.

"Student participation in educational policy formation now has an air of legitimacy," writes Phillip Werzell, editor of Moderator. "The importance of student efforts cannot be underrated, for the efforts themselves satisfy one of the basic goals of higher education, that of the students' taking responsibility for their own education."

The most immediate interest of many students is the quality of their classroom experience, and the most established means of dealing with it is through student course and teacher evaluation. The Harvard Crimson has produced the Confidential Guide to Courses for over forty years. At the University of Pennsylvania and Yale the student newspapers took over the task; at American University, the University of North Carolina, the University of Washington and Stanford, the student governments controlled the course and teacher evaluation and integrated them into broader efforts at educational reform; and at the University of Maryland and at Berkeley, student political parties published the guide.

Some publications are presented humorously; some of their descriptions avoid evaluation and attempt to give important informal information — type of books, number of papers, nature of testing, and intent as well as subject matter of the courses; a majority are unpublished. This latter approach to having students return the questionnaires directly to the instructor, proves the sincerity of the students and offers a rich diversity of critical information to the teacher. The question of whether or not the faculty will bother to make use of such information comes up on every campus.

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Biblical Book Goes Modern in JB

By SARAH BANKS
Bullet Arts Editor

Archibald MacLeish is an American poet who, most recently, has done the narrative for the film, *The Eleanor Roosevelt Story*. His J. B., performed here the 9th-12th, is one of the better American plays of the last ten years. Based on the *BOOK OF JOB*, from which he used some very handsome passages, (King James of course), MacLeish imposes on the biblical lines his own views of modern terrors and false comforts. Job as

J.B., as Dr. Roger Kenvin who plays the lead, describes him, is the smug American, certain that God and Heaven are on his side. His rising from his disasters catches at the essential unreasoning factor which enables man, though tortured almost to the point of death, to again take up life and hope.

I feel that it is best to avoid judgment of individual perfor-

mances in school productions, unless there is evidence of incompetence, lazy preparation, serious miscasting, etc. Personally, I can apply none of these to the recent production. Any rough edges, slowness of pace, or other distractions, were negligible in view of the success of the whole. The casting, particularly of the male roles, was more to my satisfaction than in any previous production. The major parts, especially those requiring on-cue anguish, were handled with such a practiced effortlessness as to yield moments which were for me very real and significant. In fact, I cannot remember having become so intimately involved in any theater situation, not merely because many members of the cast were familiar to me, but due in large part to the built-out stage, which, with actors able to move easily to and from, in and out of the audience, maximized that close contact which is a fundamental advantage of a small auditorium. The unpretentious and frankly utilitarian set, suggesting the universal circus ring, was pleasingly highlighted by projections of paintings by Mrs. Debbie Klein, each seeking to epitomize the impressions made by a given scene. The music track from the original production, good costumes, a minimum of stiffness or superfluous detail, and a real and assured contact with the audience made for a more than satisfactory whole.

The first night post-performance discussion can not be praised enough. It made available the intimate knowledge of the actors and director, the general knowledge of the professors who took part, and the often revealing questions and comments of what proved to be, by intention, a select and highly sympathetic audience.

Lawson Will Talk At Trinity Church

Dr. Douglas M. Lawson of Randolph-Macon College will give a series of talks concerning "Where the Gods Are" at Trinity Episcopal Church through Wednesday, November 16 at 8 p.m. Specifically, the topics for each successive night will be, "Where the Boys & Girls Are," "Where the Other Persons Are," and "Where the Churches Are."



Mr. Zuss (Dr. Clyde Carter, MWC professor of Sociology,) speaks from behind his mask as God in the Mary Washington Players production of "J. B."

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RA ROUNDUP By ELIZABETH GOLLADAY

The Honors Swimming team swims in its first meet of the season against Old Dominion College, of Norfolk, here, Nov. 18. Eleven girls, coached by Miss Jane Martin, have been practicing for several weeks. The schedule for the team is:

Nov. 18 here Old Dominion College

Nov. 22 here Westhampton College

Dec. 2 away Madison College

Dec. 10 away a 6-team meet at W&M College

The fall tennis tournament is quickly drawing to a close. The fourth round winners are Joanne Sinzheimer, Polly Bozorth, Majors Brown, and Dina Dransfield.

MWC was hostess to the Tidewater Field Hockey Association College Tournament for the first time on Saturday, November 5. Five colleges, MWC, Westhampton, Longwood, RPI, and William & Mary participated in the tournament.

The purpose of the tournament is not for any one school to win the most games, but to choose the best players from all the teams to compose the Tidewater College team. This team will go to Goucher College on November 19 to play in the Southeast Tournament.

MWC played three games in the tournament. The first game, against Westhampton, ended in a 0-0 tie. The next game, with RPI, also ended in a tie, 2-2.

Darielle Webster and Karen Reuter scored the goals. In the final game, MWC defeated the Ecetoras, a team composed of reserve players from all five colleges. 1-0. as Darielle Webster scored again.

In the afternoon, a tea was held in the A. C. Lee for the players, coaches, and members of the Tidewater Field Hockey Association while the selection committee, headed by MWC's Miss Marjery Arnold, chose the Tidewater College team and a reserve team. MWC's center forward, Karen Reuter, made the first team and will go to Goucher. Reserve players from MWC are Dorcas Sears, left inner, Linda Starner, left fullback, and Helen Holzgrefe, center half.

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Mental Health: Big Concern on Nation's Campuses

By JOAN MUELLER

The mental health of college students is becoming an increasingly prominent and vital issue in the United States. Clare Booth Luce, the author of a monthly column in McCall's, feels that the problem is neither new nor significantly more prevalent today, but rather that it has become more obvious because of increased research and professional concern. The extent of the problem and facilities for its control throughout the country will be examined in this article. In the next issue the same topics will be discussed in relation to Mary Washington.

It is difficult to determine a means for measuring the rate of mental illness. However there are several factors which can offer a fairly accurate indication of the extent of the problem. One of these is the suicide rate on college campuses. An article which appeared in Moderator, a national student magazine, estimates that during the present school year 1000 students will commit suicide, 9000 more will

attempt to do so, and still 90,000 more will threaten to take their own lives. Moderator also reports that suicide causes the second greatest number of deaths among college students. These figures become more meaningful when compared with those of the rest of the country's population: the rate of suicide among college students is fifty per cent higher than that of the American population in general. It is probable that the statistics leading to these assertions are conservative, because deaths resulting from suicide are often attributed to some other cause. And the trend in collegiate suicides is exhibiting an upward swing.

Dr. Stanley F. Yolles, Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, states in an article in Science News Letter that the suicide rate appears to be rising among young people. Another factor which gives evidence of the mental health problem is the collegiate drop-out rate. According to Moderator sixty per cent of this year's freshman class will not complete their education, the majority for

emotional and financial rather than intellectual reasons.

A third aspect relates mental health difficulties to physical health problems. Because the emotions act upon the body, they are capable of causing physical disorders. In a study reported by the National Institute of Mental Health, the occurrence of physical ailments among psychiatrically treated college students is compared with that among students who had not displayed a need for such treatment. The findings show that, besides having a higher rate of psychosomatic disorders, the psychiatrically treated students also complained more frequently of such physical problems as allergies, respiratory infections, and tumors.

These examples give a fairly visible indication of the mental health problem and some of its consequences, but it must be remembered that most psychological problems do not give such outward evidence of their existence. Countless students suffer from mental disorders of varying degrees which impair their present efficiency and happiness as well as pose a threat for the future. Moderator estimates that ten per cent of today's college students will experience such severe emotional problems as to deserve professional treatment.

Moderator suggests several factors which differentiate the mental disorders of college students from those of the rest of the population. First because entrance into college comes at one of the most confusing stages in a person's life, matters which at other times might be considered unimportant can become crucial. Second the greatly increased amount of independence and the unfamiliar environment of the college campus can produce heretofore unexperienced problems. Finally those college students who do develop emotional difficulties are often anxious to solve these problems and are generally receptive to psychological assistance. Once their problems are resolved they

are not likely to recur, and the students will be able to derive more benefit from their educational opportunities.

Increased psychiatric services are being undertaken in many of the country's colleges in an attempt to combat the mental health problem. Professional psychiatrists are being hired on many campuses. According to Sutherland Miller, Jr., Director of Counselor Service at Columbia College, students are exhibiting their problems with a campus psychiatrist, especially when this person has a reputation for dependability. Moderator reports that such services

are not expensive; it cites as an example Purdue University, which maintains one professional psychiatrist for each 2000 students, for which the annual cost is \$3.27 per student.

However Moderator, as do many other commentators, feels that the mental health facilities provided on American campuses are still inadequate. The magazine cites the unfortunate and irreversible aspects of student suicide as sufficient reason for making such facilities available. Dr. Yolles of the National Institute of Mental Health states that every suicide can be prevented and its causes can be treated.

Professor's Wife Exhibits Designs For Theater

An Exhibition of Designs for the Theatre by Mrs. Debby Klein is being held through the end of November at the Fredericksburg Savings and Loan Bank on George Street. The exhibition is open to the public during banking hours and includes photographs, drawings and paintings.

Mrs. Klein, the wife of Dr. Albert R. Klein, Associate Professor and Chairman of the Department of Dramatic Arts and Speech at Mary Washington, has designed stage sets and costumes for forty odd productions in New York, Iowa, North Carolina, and the Little Theatre of Fredericksburg and MWC.

An art major at the High School of Music and Art in New York City, Mrs. Klein received her undergraduate degree in Dramatic Arts from the University of Iowa and did her graduate stud-



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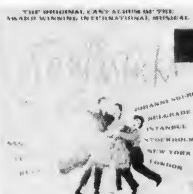
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